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## **Twin Brothers Charged With Capital Murder For Fatal Robbery of Woman**

Twin brothers were charged today with capital murder for the fatal stabbing of a woman as she walked home after buying groceries at a nearby supermarket, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Kenyata Blake and Keishon Blake (dobs 7/25/96) were each charged with one count of murder and two counts of second-degree robbery in case BA433216. The criminal complaint also includes a special circumstance allegation of a robbery during the commission of a murder.

They are both scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On Dec. 22, 2014, Maria Elena Rivas was walking home after she finished buying groceries for Christmas in the Adams-Normandie area when the two brothers are suspected of attacking her. Rivas was fatally stabbed and her handbag was stolen, prosecutors added.

The complaint also alleges the brothers robbed a woman on Jan. 23 outside a liquor store in the Mid-City area.

Prosecutors will determine at a later time whether to seek the death penalty.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety.